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SENATOR SCHROCK: I believe that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So a taste or an appetite in the public can be created by those who operate Game and Parks. Is that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we continue to give them more money, they may be in the business of creating additional appetites in the public for certain things which are not currently made available in those parks. Is that possible?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in order to maintain these new appetite-producing services or facilities, it's going to take more people to maintain them. They will get periodic increases, and by increasing these fees for the purposes envisioned, we can really be setting up a situation where we're going to have to continue to increase fees to provide more services that will cost more money. That's not unreasonable, is it, if we look at the growth and developments of parks in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's not unreasonable, but I think you need to take into consideration that people have more free time now than they've ever had. We have more retired people than we've ever had, and so the parks use has increased, I assume. And one of the reasons is because of the facilities. So you know, it's a...you have the correct scenario here. The more you spend on it, the more you'll attract the people, and the more people will use it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we have retired people, will all of those people who are retired have the same amount of retirement income available?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will there be some retired people who have a fixed income and nothing added to it from dividends or other sources than Social Security?